

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The interview was conducted in person on March 23, 2009 and attended by Examiner Kathleen Sonnett an Applicant's representative, Andrew Douglas.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None.

Identification of Claims Discussed

91, 113, 119, 122, and 130.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

U.S. Patent No. 5,895,406 ("Gray"), U.S. Patent No. 5,643,314 ("Carpenter"), U.S. Patent No. 5,383,926 ("Lock"), and U.S. Patent No. 5,496,365 ("Sgro") were discussed.

Proposed Amendments

Applicant's representative proposed amending some of the claims to include one or more limitations clarifying that the flexible member of one or more cells changes from a concave to a convex shape during expansion of the cell and one or more limitations that the cells can continue to expand beyond the transition point without the application of additional force.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

The proposed amendments each present additional patentable distinctions over the cited art.

Results of Interview

No final agreement was reached.